

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Continuation Application of:)
Karl L. GINTER, et al.)
Serial No. 09/426,764) Group Art Unit: 2766
Filed: October 26, 1999) Examiner: Not Yet
For: TRUSTED INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT) Assigned
SYSTEMS, METHODS AND TECHNIQUES)
FOR SECURE ELECTRONIC COMMERCE)
TRANSACTIONS AND RIGHTS)
MANAGEMENT)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of this application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-20 and add the following new claims 21 through 74:

21. A secure communications system including:

a first checkpoint including:

a switch including means for receipt and routing of digital information;

means for detecting the presence of secure containers;

means for determining information regarding secure containers, the

information including:

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